

Spring 2022 Newsletter



Council for
Exceptional
Children

KENTUCKY

KYCEC members and colleagues,

Greetings! It has been a long year, but we have made it! Serving as your 2021-22 KYCEC President has been a true pleasure. I would like to thank each of you for being a part of one of the greatest exceptional children's advocacy organizations in our field. We are here to serve and provide you with quality resources and services.

I hope you will take the opportunity to learn more about what's happening in KYCEC and to find out how you can get involved! Keep checking our website for available positions on our outstanding Executive Board.

Our board would like to extend an invitation to the members of KYCEC and our colleagues to submit nominations for Outstanding Special Education Administrator of the Year, Carl Perkins Contributor to Special Education, Special Education Teacher of the Year, Mary May Wyman Outstanding KYCEC Member of the Year, KYCEC Business Award, and KY Student Member of the Year. Each nominee or community partner should be recognized as one who has provided exemplary service to individuals with exceptionalities in the state of Kentucky. In addition, we would also like to encourage you to nominate one of your exceptional children for one of the 6 Yes I Can! Awards. One winner in each category will be selected (Academics, Arts, Transition, Transition, Technology, School and Community Activities, and Self-Advocacy). Winners will be recognized at the Kentucky Exceptional Children's Conference in November. KYCEC Yes I Can! Winners will be nominated to CEC for consideration of their national awards. The deadline for all award nominations is June 30, 2022. The nomination forms can be found on our website, <https://kentucky.exceptionalchildren.org>.

Please continue to check our website for additional information as well as upcoming opportunities and celebrations. Mark your calendars for 2022 Annual Kentucky Exceptional Children's Conference November 20-22, 2022 in Louisville, Kentucky and the 2023 National CEC Conference in Louisville, Kentucky, March 1-4, 2023. Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity in our own state.

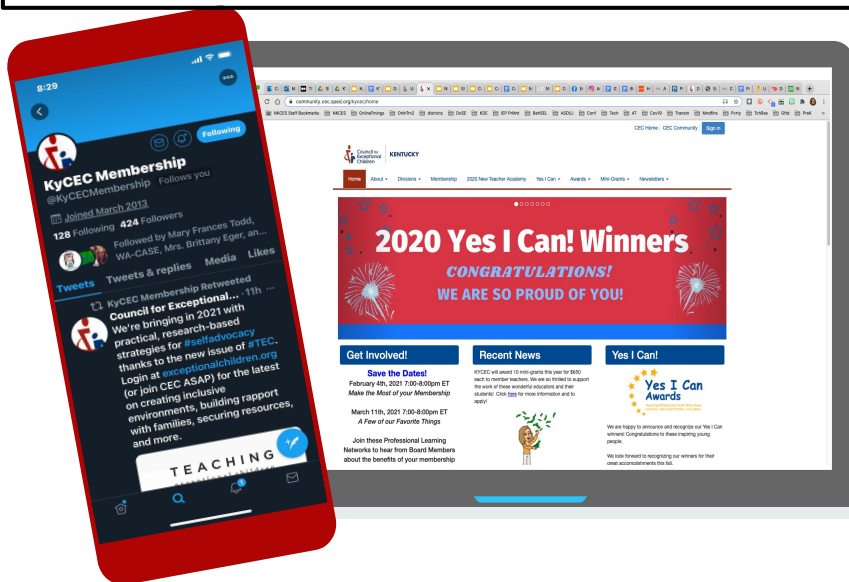
As this school year comes to a close, I want to personally thank each of you for all you do for your students daily. Remember, you do make a difference in the lives of your students.

Cindy Green
KYCEC President



JOIN US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

We'd love to chat and tweet with you on social media - you can find us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). We share favorite resources, trainings, and conference information on our social media accounts and would love to hear from you - please check us out and like, share, and retweet any news that catches your eye! ¹



MEET YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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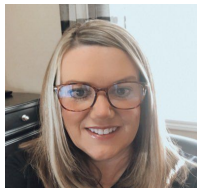
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2022 YES I CAN WINNERS



ACADEMICS

Jaxon Rector - Warren County Schools

ARTS

Jaden McBride - Larue County Schools



SCHOOL + COMMUNITY

Dylan Gibson - Graves County Schools

SELF-ADVOCACY

Hunter Kegley - Scott County Schools



TRANSITION

Christopher Robertson - Larue County Schools

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 2022 YES I CAN! AWARD WINNERS

2022 Yes I Can! Award Nominations

KYCEC is proud to recognize children and youth with exceptionalities who have demonstrated their determination and achievements in multiple ways. Presented each year at the Exceptional Children's Conference, the Yes I Can! Awards recognize six categories including; Academics, Arts, School and Community Activities, Self-Advocacy, Technology, and Transition. Your students achieve amazing things each day, let's celebrate those achievements together.

[Nomination Form](#)

Contact cain.alvey@hardin.kyschools.us with any questions regarding nominations.



2022 KYCEC Awards

Nominations are open for awards recognized at the Exceptional Children's Conference. See the descriptions of each award and recognize colleagues and community partners for their work in the field of exceptionalities.

OUTSTANDING SPECIAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

This award is to be given to a school administrator whose primary responsibility is special education. The award is for distinguished leadership and support for special education and/or gifted education in Kentucky

Deadline: June 30, 2022

Contact: cynthiagreen@warren.kyschools.us

Application

CARL PERKINS CONTRIBUTOR TO SPECIAL EDUCATION

This award is to be given to individuals for their distinguished leadership and service in the interest of children with exceptionalities. The nominee needs not be working in the field of special education nor be a member of the Kentucky CEC.

Deadline: June 30, 2022

Contact: cynthiagreen@warren.kyschools.us

Application

SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER OF THE YEAR

The purpose of this award is to recognize / honor an outstanding teacher in the field of special education. Please review our website for more information about this award

Deadline: June 30, 2022

Contact: cynthiagreen@warren.kyschools.us

Application [Website](#)

MARY MAY WYMAN OUTSTANDING KYCEC MEMBER OF THE YEAR

The purpose of this award is to allow the Kentucky Council to honor the member who has shown unselfish service in promoting the education and welfare of children with exceptionalities. The nominee must be a Kentucky CEC member in good standing with a minimum tenure of continued membership for the previous three years.

Deadline: June 30, 2022

Contact: cynthiagreen@warren.kyschools.us

Application

KYCEC BUSINESS AWARD

This award recognizes businesses that have provided for the enhancement, awareness, and employment of individuals with exceptionalities in order to promote and support their full participation within the community.

Deadline: June 30, 2022

Contact: cynthiagreen@warren.kyschools.us

Application

KY STUDENT MEMBER OF THE YEAR

This award is given to an outstanding student CEC member. The student must be an active CEC member in a Kentucky student chapter or state unit.

Deadline: June 30, 2022

Contact: shawkinsi2@uky.edu

Application

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Thank you so much for being a valued member of the Kentucky Council for Exceptional Children (KYCEC) and National CEC! We currently have **419 AMAZING members of KYCEC!** YOU are part of the largest international professional organization dedicated to improving the success of children and youth with disabilities and/or gifts and talents.

Just to remind you of a few "perks" for belonging:

- Annual opportunity to apply for the [KYCEC annual \\$650 mini-grants](#)
- Countless [tools & resources for your professional development](#)
- Access to the [BEST journals available](#) to support our teaching practices
- Easy, accessible [ways to advocate](#) for our exceptional learners, their families, and our role as special educators and administrators
- Opportunities to [network with other like-minded professionals](#) around the country and within our state

Personally - I believe our *Teaching Exceptional Children* journal is the BEST journal around and my FAVORITE perk of belonging to CEC. Have you checked out the latest issue? Access it digitally [here](#) - Scroll down and log-in to access the entire journal! Download your favorite articles and add to your teaching toolbox!





ADVOCACY: WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

You're already an expert in what you do, and sharing your expertise can make a difference in legislation.

How can educators become public policy advocates? Just think: you educate and motivate students every day. That's what advocacy is: education and motivating lawmakers.

Get involved in advocating for infants, toddlers, children, and youth with exceptionalities, and the professionals who support them:

1. Check out our [Educate. Motivate. Advocate Videos](#) where CEC's Senior Policy & Advocacy Advisor will get you started on the basics of advocacy.
2. Sign up for the [Special Education TODAY Newsletter](#) and get relevant policy information in your inbox every Friday.
3. Contact your elected officials through the [Legislative Action Center](#)
4. Discover what you can do at the [Special Education Legislative Summit](#) in July.

YOU EDUCATE. YOU MOTIVATE. NOW, YOU CAN ADVOCATE!

GET INVOLVED!

Many of our KYCEC divisions have open positions! If you would like to get involved, contact the following people:

- To learn more about positions with KYTED (Teacher Education Division), email jeremy.whitney@louisville.edu
- To learn more about positions with KY Pioneers, email merissa.waddey@nkces.org
- To get involved with KYCEC's Student Group, email shawkins12@uky.edu
- To get involved with KYCCBD (The Council for Children with Behavior Disorders), email tracey.francis@woodford.kyschools.us
- To learn more about positions with KYDEC (Division of Early Childhood), contact shawkins12@uky.edu



2022 CEC LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT

Special
Education
Legislative
Summit **2022**
July 10-13, 2022



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CASE Council of Administrators
of Special Education
LEADERSHIP • VISION • EXCELLENCE

Held in Washington, D.C., during July, the Special Education Legislative Summit (SELS) is an opportunity for educators from across the country to make a difference by advocating for change with Members of Congress.

Mark your calendars to join us July 10-13, 2022.

ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME OPPORTUNITIES.

IN-DEPTH LEARNING ABOUT KEY ISSUES

**OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE YOUR ADVOCACY
SKILLS WITH THE EXPERTS.**

**MEET WITH YOUR REPRESENTATIVES AND
ADVOCATE FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENT.**

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CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE THROUGH CEC

We are continuously working to update our website with the latest information regarding KY CEC, please take time to visit us at <https://kentucky.exceptionalchildren.org/>



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ABOUT

CONFERENCE

DIVISIONS

MINI GRANTS

AWARDS

JOIN

SIGN IN

Apply for a 2022 Mini-Grant

LEARN MORE

2021 Mini-Grant Winners

VIEW RECIPIENTS

Membership

WHY JOIN?



KY-CCBD Behavior Institute 2022 will be “Live” at the Galt House in Louisville, KY

KY-CCBD Behavior Institute 2022
June 16-17, 2022
Galt House, Louisville, KY



**Save the
Date!**

